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Monday, Jan. 26. We will discuss this area's response to the upcoming hearings which the D.C. City Council will hold on this issue. Truly, it is "now or never!"

William Buchanan

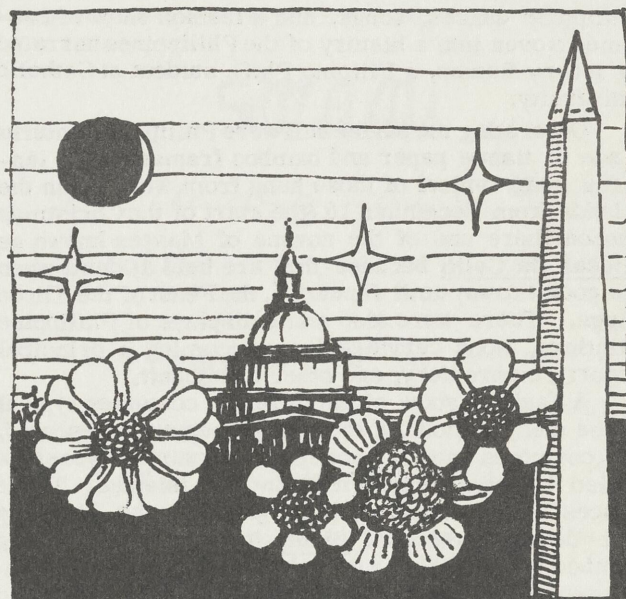
FREEWAYS VS. ENVIRONMENT

Recently, President Nixon made the statement that correcting our environmental imbalance was a "now or never" proposition. The original "Aid to Highways Act" ends in 1972, but the Highway Lobby would like nothing better than another fifteen years of land-gobbling, city-wrecking, atmosphere-polluting freeway construction through continued operation of the 90-10 Highway Trust Fund. It could not, therefore, allow the District of Columbia to successfully avoid construction of a series of expensive freeways. And so it was that Congress, acting on the Lobby's behalf, and mocking its role of benevolent ruler, forced the D.C. City Council to agree to build roads D.C. citizens manifestly do not want. In doing this, it tacitly accepted the expanded use of D.C.'s greatest polluter (80%), the automobile.

But all is not lost. A suit has been filed against construction of the Three Sisters Bridge and citizens' organizations of all stripes are girding for a prolonged fight against freeways.

The Foggy Bottom area, already heavily infiltrated by traffic arteries, lies athwart two proposed legs of the Inner Loop Freeway. The North Leg would seriously damage our area and destroy thousands of homes in the Shaw Area. The South Leg would greatly increase the use of the existing freeway in our area and would desecrate the Lincoln Memorial-Tidal Basin area with a six-lane open trench--the most famous and sacred area of our city!

These roads can only harm our section, indeed, they threaten our lives. Be sure to attend the next FBA meeting at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 8:00 PM,



STARDUST

The sixties should not be allowed to slip into history without some grateful acknowledgement of the new joyousness they brought to the texture of daily life. A new latitude in costume and manners, a new willingness to "dig" instead of judge, a new tenderness, whose symbol everywhere is the flower; the joyousness of the Beatles and the slogan "Black is Beautiful", of Pop Art and of male hair; the joyous politics of the tragic Kennedys, and the joyous technology of Apollo moon shots; may these scattered stars light us into the future.

—Notes and Comments
The New Yorker
January 3, 1970

JAN. MEETING TO CLEAR AIR

The quality of the air we breathe is becoming of increasing concern to all of us. The Foggy Bottom Association is presenting a speaker who is up on our latest count on smog percentages at its January 26 meeting in Pillsbury Hall, 2430 K Street, N.W., at 8 p.m.

John S. Winder, Jr., Executive Director of the Metropolitan Coalition for Clean Air will deal with such subjects as incinerator discharge from apart-

ment and office buildings and exhausts from buses and trucks. The Coalition for Clean Air is affiliated with the D.C. Tuberculosis and Respiratory Disease Association--a natural alliance from the human standpoint. Mr. Winder is also Vice President of the Greater Washington Alliance to Stop Pollution (GASP) which was founded at George Washington University.

Come and hear what our present situation is and what can be done about it!

PHILIPPINE NIGHT

It was Philippine night at St. Stephen Martyr Parish on December 14, as its annual Christmas dinner carried a Philippine theme--authentic dishes including pancit (noodles), lumpia (egg roll), and puto and cuchinta (rice cakes) served by ladies in native costumes; Philippine dances, songs, and a fashion show of costumes woven into a history of the Philippines narrated by Johnny Ramos, a Filipino Ph.D. student at Catholic University.

Decorating the parish hall were Philippine lanterns made of tissue paper and bamboo frames; these lanterns were typical of those hung from windows in the islands from December 16 (the start of the Christmas season there and of the novena of Masses known as Missas de Gallo because they are held at dawn when the cock crows) until January 6, the Feast of the Three Kings. There were also some displays of Philippine paintings, wood carvings (now becoming a principal export), embroidery, and other handicraft.

A fashion show of the different costumes typical of the many regions of the Philippines was presented, the costumes mostly modern and luxurious versions styled by name couturiers in the islands. Three dances were presented, highlighted by the Tinikling (the dance of the bird tikling hopping over clicking bamboo poles). Also a great hit was a brief slide show of scenes of the Philippines photographed by Bottomian Ellie Becker during her visit to Manila and environs in 1968.

Stage-managing the presentation was Bottomian Celia de la Serna, president of the Samahang Pilipino.

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PLAYGROUND

The Foggy Bottom Playgroup is about to happen. It will meet for the first time on Thursday, January 8 at 10 A.M. in the parish hall of St. Mary's Church, 730 23rd St., N.W.

We have for some time felt that there are more children in our neighborhood than most of us realize, and a playgroup, open to all, is a good way to get together. St. Mary's Church offers us a good location, and a large, attractive room, with newly laid linoleum. The general plan is as follows:

1. The playgroup will be cooperative, with at least one mother for every 3-4 children. (Any mother who would prefer to stay is of course welcome to do so, but will be asked to defer to the mother in charge.)
2. Age: 18 months to 4 years. (This is flexible, depending on the maturity of the child.)
3. We will meet twice a week, on Monday and Thursday, from 10 A.M. to noon.
4. There will be a charge of \$5 a month to cover cleaning, a contribution to the Church, and purchase of equipment. This will be payable for 3 months in advance (\$15.00), to give us a little working capital.

I feel the playgroup will be an asset to all our children, and to the community. I hope you will mention it to any of your friends and neighbors who may be interested, now or in the future. Please come, and bring any toys you feel would be suitable, either to lend or to donate. We are really starting from scratch, although there are tables, chairs and, happily, a piano in the room.

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Theatre Highlights

January 26, 27 (Mon., Tues.)

Concert, Washington National Symphony, Howard Mitchell, conducting, Artur Rubenstein, pianist; DAR Constitution Hall, 8:30 PM. For ticket information call NA 8-7332.

January 29, 30, 31 (Thurs., Fri., Sat.)

French Theatre, "La Troupe du Roi" and "Amphitryon," Comedie Francaise, a Washington Performing Arts Society presentation; Lisner Auditorium, GWU, 8:30 PM. For ticket information call 393-4433.

January 31 (Sat.)

Last Saturday Jazz Concert, the Max Roach Quintet, presented by the Left Bank Jazz Society in cooperation with the Smithsonian Division of Performing Arts; National Museum of Natural History Auditorium, 8 PM. Tickets may be purchased at the door.

Civilisation, popular film program on the history of art as related to social progress, by Kenneth Clark, originally televised, by the B.B.C.; National Gallery of Art. New film begins each Sunday. Showings Mon. thru Sat., at 10:30 AM, 11:30 AM, 12:30, 2:30 & 3:30 PM., & Sun., at 12:30, 1:30, 2:30, 5:30, 6:30 & 7:30 PM. Free.

February 22 (Sun.) 4:00 pm.

Stockholm Philharmonic - Antal Dorati, Conductor. Constitution Hall.

February & March - Sundays, 4 PM

U.S. Air Force Band Concerts - Departmental Auditorium.

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Let us divide this month's analyzee into a few distinct categories.

Our emotions let us enjoy things or despise them; fear or be bold. Whatever this writer's emotional response to a situation, she expresses it in one form or another, and, in addition, the memory of this feeling is deep and lasting. People with this kind of emotional makeup are usually friendly. Along with her friendliness, she is also generous, by no means a handicap in being around people.

That this writer has a highly interesting mind is another category important in this analysis. She has a logical mind, quick to grasp ideas, is a self-reliant, independent thinker, and concentrates beautifully, with little difficulty.

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Swami

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BUILT OR UNDER CONST. — PLANNED ——— SELECTED ARTERIALS —

- ④ Intersection of Potomac Freeway and the Inner Loop Freeway whose North Leg may follow "K" St., but more likely will follow the Fla. Ave.-"U" St. corridor.
- ⑤ Intersection of South Leg (6-lanes of open trench freeway thru Washington's monumental area) and the SW Freeway (I-95). ⑥ I-95 continues north on Center Leg, while SW Freeway enters its SE Extension. ⑦ 11th St. Bridge links Kenneth Ave. and Anacostia Freeway with the end of SE Extension and the beginning of the East Leg. ⑧ Intersection of North Leg and Center Leg to meet the North Central Freeway which then intersects with the East Leg.

SNOW POLLUTION

A snowfall does many things--it makes the city bright and new, it causes traffic problems and makes children (and some adults) happy, and it shows how good the citizenship of the occupants of residential and business properties is. One glance up and down a street tells the pedestrian who has and who has not cleared his sidewalk so the person on foot will be safe. Foggy Bottom residents did better than in years past, but there is still much room for snow removal. New Hampshire Avenue rated the best. Twenty-fifth Street would have provided a good income for our itinerant snow-shovelers and Eye Street would have been a small gold mine. The parking lot at Twenty-fifth and H had removed no snow whatever from the walkways; this is especially undesirable since it has both money and manpower readily available. Apartment houses and businesses did well and should be commended for their responsible attitude towards our area. To them and to those house-dwellers who cleared the snow, our thanks and commendation.

Burt T. Wilson

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The Foggy Bottom Association
c/o West End Library
24th and L Streets, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20037

Dear Miss Briggs:

Thank you for your kind letter of November 27, 1969. Some of the proposed legislation that would enable the Metropolitan Police Department to more effectively enforce the law is listed below:

Senate 2601	The Court Reorganization Act
S. 2981	Juvenile Court Act
H.R. 8868	Interstate Compact on Juveniles
H.R. 19606	New Post Mortem System
H.R. 9431)	
H.R. 121)	Requiring Demonstrators to Post Surety
H.R. 1196)	Bonds
H.R. 1035)	
H.R. 566)	
H.R. 188	Law Enforcement Education Act
S. 2694	Police and Firemen's Pay Bill
H.R. 12317	Implied Consent for Motorists Operating in the District of Columbia
S. 327)	Increased penalties for the Commission
S. 913)	of Crimes of Violence when Armed
S. 1034)	

Thank you again for your time and effort. If I may be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely yours,

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Chief of Police

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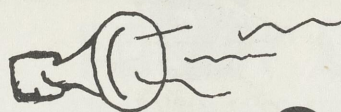
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the foghorn

(In which the editor attempts to find his way)

LET THERE BE LIGHT

Now that our technology can take us to the moon whenever we desire, it's about time we illuminated our crime-infested streets with some moon-technology street lights. I don't mean some cute, quaint, Georgetown type with a Fresnel lens to direct most of the light downward; I mean lights that make every square inch of street and sidewalk so bright that cars can drive without headlights and pedestrians can walk anywhere at night without fear of molestation, and so efficiently directed that residents can sleep without closing their blinds.

Robberies and muggings do occur in broad daylight, and day-bright streets would probably continue to have more crimes than during regular daytime hours. But we all know that criminals prefer to work in subdued illumination so that it is harder to identify them and more difficult to chase them. And if streets were brighter at night, probably more people would venture out, the presence of a potential audience being another deterrent to crime.

We don't (yet) walk on the sides of houses, so there is absolutely no good reason why stray rays of light need to strike there at all. With properly shaped domes and reflectors in street lighting equipment we could make even the modified Victorian devices currently in use much more efficient.

We need for people in science and industry and any other walk of life to devote as much energy to the reality of just such a project as they did to participating in moratoria. Those who took the trouble to participate in the Moratoria sincerely want peace, as do most of the rest of us. One way to work for peace is, instead of simply being against war, to be for something that has nothing to do with war.

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WHERE CREDIT IS DUE

Recognition should go to those people who give much energy and thought to decorating their apartment windows and their homes as a manifestation of their desire to make their passing neighbors' view a bit more delightful. The Foggy Bottom News staff was most impressed by the efforts of General Luis Massa on the top floor of the west wing of Potomac Plaza. Not escaping notice were the Rules of 940 25th Street; and, sequestered in a court, nearly escaping notice was the Wheelers' white-lighted tree in Snow's Court South.



FOGGY BOTTOM FARMER

Red Delicious apples--a half bushel from the New York Ave. Public Market are as crisp and juicy as they were when we stored them in our Columbia Plaza balcony closet in November. Also, the temperature there seems just right for preparing our pots of bulbs for indoor "forcing". Paper White Narcissus brought in a week before Christmas had filled the rooms with fragrance when we returned from Christmas away. Leaves of the Hyacinths are beginning to show too. February may see them right for bringing to our south window, and then flowering will be hardly more than a week off.

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Avoid feminine home identification. Change mailbox tags and phone listings. For example, "Jane Smith" to "J. Smith". Don't hang lingerie outside. Draw shades to discourage "peeping Toms."

When the doorbell rings, always keep the chain latch in place until you are sure of your caller's identity.

WHEN WALKING: Plan your route. Avoid shortcuts through deserted parks, vacant lots or other unlit areas. Always walk on streets which have plenty of lights and traffic.

Be alert. Don't loiter about or stop to window shop at night. Be prepared to run if followed. If accosted from a car, run in the opposite direction so that the car must make a U-turn.

IF ATTACKED: Scream as loudly as you can. Then, strike back fast. Aim for the vital spots and make it hurt! Gouge at eyes, scratch with fingernails, jab your knee to the groin or kick your assailant. Any of these actions will certainly have a discouraging effect on your attacker.

If you have been attacked or threatened in any way, your next action should be to call the Police immediately. To help the Police apprehend your assailant, you should be prepared to give a full description of the person and/or car involved. If you prefer, a Police-woman will be available to assist you in discussing the circumstances of the attack.

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EXPO '70

UNIQUE BOUTIQUE

Although it is not in Foggy Bottom, of interest to Bottomians because of their more esthetic nature and appreciation for things such as how our ways of doing things relate to other cultures of the world, an oriental boutique in the 1700 block of Connecticut Avenue quite unintentionally turned a cute bit of "PK" on the 7th of January by having the snow swept from their walk by a mini-skirted, mini-coated mini-girl who vivaciously personified the well-known beauty, charm and friendliness of the East.

LOST AND HOUNDS

The following information should be given authorities when your animal is lost or stolen. It is also information you should have about your own animal in case it is lost.

Description of Animal

Name

Breed

Age

Size

Color

Sex

Distinguishing marks

(scars, special markings)

Tattoo number

Collar

License number

Your name

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City

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Circumstances of loss

Date

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8. Call the radio stations. Perhaps the loss could be announced in school assembly.
9. Be sure someone is at home to receive calls.
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MAUDE GONNE ON WHEELS

She calls to mind Maud Gonne, the tall, spirited, beautiful and brilliant Irish revolutionary patriot for whom William Butler Yeats wrote impassioned poetry.

Who has seen her on her bicycle, her long auburn hair blowing behind, and not wondered who she was?

Who has been stopped by her on the street with bright animation and strong words in the service of some political or community cause, and not been conscious of a rare spirit?

A Foggy Bottom phenomenon, her name is Adelaide Miller, and she is the spiritual child of the best of old and new America.

Descended from 17th century New England settlers of note, she comes by her adventuresome and independent nature legitimately. She believes in confrontation politics, but in the confrontation of love, not of hate. Part Quaker, she is a pacifist, but one who knows that pacifism is activist to the core. Passionately American, she opts for an America that is a real home for all its people, black and white alike. "Our real security," she declares, "is in making us all secure."

While conscious of the problems of "the other America" for years, it was not until after she had taught poor black children, joined the Poor People's Campaign and worked for an emergency center during the riot in Washington which followed Martin Luther King's still almost unbelievable assassination, that the realities of poverty and prejudice were brought home for her "with a vengeance."

She is no parlor liberal, but an active and dedicated soldier of peace, committed to the democratic and egalitarian society that she knows America can become. She does not merely pay lip service to ideals, but gives of her time, her emotional and intellectual resources, her faith, to making her land what it had been in the best dreams of its founders and what it is still today in the hopes of all its citizens.

(Part II will appear in February issue.)



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FOGGY DOINGS

A few holiday tales, abbreviated by an early FBN deadline: Foggy Bottom on Christmas evening was a true fairyland. The snow was falling gently, the Christmas lights shone brightly, and all was still and as lovely as the writer has ever seen it. . . . Jefferson House on 24th Street revived an old-fashioned custom just before the holidays. The resident manager, Mrs. Thomas, invited all her tenants to a tree-trimming. Great idea, and we hope there will be more occasions of this kind. . . . And the New Year's Eve parties abounded. The best tale I heard was the tenant who called his switchboard and asked that his apartment be rung a couple of times. He hoped it would give his guests a gentle hint to go home, and we understand it worked!

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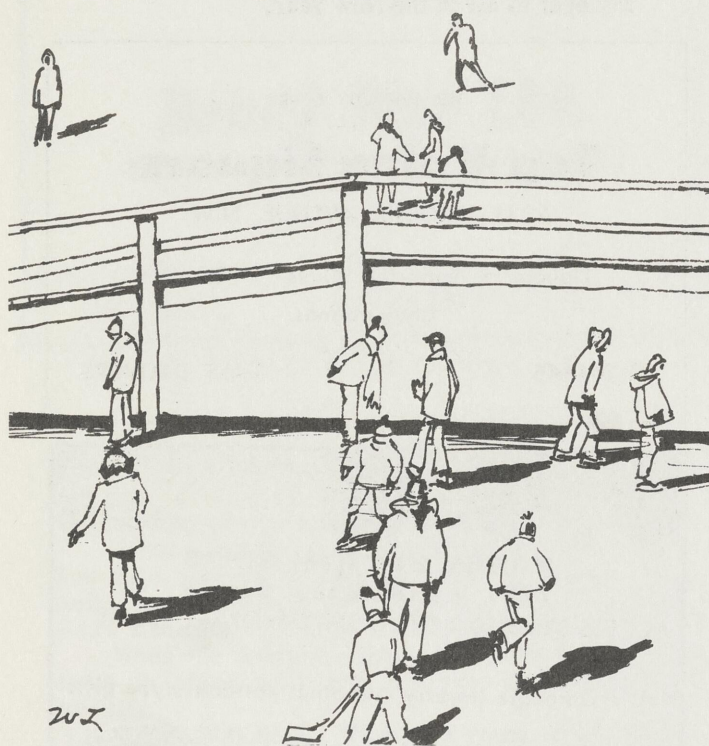
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Don't be one of the "sitting majority". Get out and walk with Capital.